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SUBJECT: ANGOLA IN ZAIRIAN PRESS

1. OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWSAGENCY (AZAP) EDITORIAL JANUARY 24 SAID THAT JANUARY 19 NOT TO UN SECY GENL. WALDHEIM MADE IT CLEAR THAT JANUARY 10 ATTACK ON DILOLO WAS SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF SOVIET-CUBAN COALITION.

CONSIDERED AS "POINTLESS" THE REACTION OF SELF-STYLED MPLA GOVERNMENT AT LUANDA, SINCE NETO TEAM IS RECOGNIZED NEITHER BY THE OAU NOR THE UN. RIDICULED MPLA IGNORANCE OF LEGAL CONCEPT OF COMMON PROPERTY AS APPLIED TO RAIL AND ROAD BRIDGES BLOWN BY SOVIETS AND CUBANS. DE

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PLORED FACT THAT MPLA, BY REASON OF SOVIET ARMAMENT, HAD DIVESTED

ITSELF OF ITS AUTHENTICITY, SERVING NOW AS MERE FRONT FOR SOVIET-CUBAN COALITION. CONCLUDED WITH STATEMENT THAT, WHILE ZAIRE WOULD NEVER BE FIRST TO ATTACK, IT WOULD NEVER FAIL TO RESPOND TO AN ATTACK FROM WHATEVER SOURCE.

2. AZAP JANUARY 26 CITED JANUARY 24 STATEMENT BY UNITA PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN KINSHASA TO EFFECT THAT PASSING TO OAU COMMITTEE TASK OF FINDING PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN ANGOLA WAS NOT A SHIRKING OF RESPONSIBILITY BY AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE, OR A HANDING OVER OF ANGOLA TO RUSSO-CUBAN ALLIANCE. CONDEMNED SO-CALLED PROGRESSIVE AFRICAN SATELLITE STATES WHO WORK AGAINST TRUE AFRICAN INTERESTS, PROVING THEREBY THAT THEY ARE NOT REALLY INDEPENDENT. REAFFIRMED UNITA CONDITIONS FOR AN ANGOLA SETTLEMENT: CEASEFIRE, EVACUATION OF FOREIGN TROOPS, FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION, FOLLOWED BY GENERAL ELECTIONS.

3. AZAP JANUARY 26 ALSO REPORTED THAT THE SECOND CONTINGENT OF 380 PORTUGUESE REFUGEES FROM ANGOLA LEFT KINSHASA BY AIR FOR LISBON JANUARY 25. REFUGEES SAID THAT THEY LEFT ANGOLA RELUCTANTLY, FOLLOWING SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTION. EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THEY COULD RETURN WITH RETURN OF SECURITY WHICH THEY HAD KNOWN UNDER FNLA/UNITA ADMINISTRATION. THANKED MOBUTU FOR WARM WELCOME IN ZAIRE. FIRST CONTINGENT OF 400 LEFT KINSHASA FOR PORTUGAL JANUARY 22. EXACT NUMBER OF PORTUGUESE REFUGEES UNKNOWN, AS PORTUGUESE REFUGEES CONTINUE TO ARRIVE KINSHASA FROM ANGOLA, SAID AZAP.
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